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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Jeremy Minshull, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/920,607

Filed: July 31, 2001

For: **BIOSENSORS, REAGENTS AND DIAGNOSTIC APPLICATIONS OF DIRECTED EVOLUTION**

Examiner: My Chau T. Tran

Art Unit: 1639

AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being made in connection with a Request for Continued Examination, and addresses the issues raised in the final Office Action mailed June 9, 2005. A petition for a three month extension of time authorizing the Commissioner to charge the requisite fee pursuant 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 is enclosed. The petition thus effectively extends the period of response from September 9, 2005 to December 9, 2005.

The requirements for an RCE submission are met in that prosecution is closed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the finality of the aforementioned Office Action and consideration of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this submission.

Remarks begin on page 22 of this submission.